

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch ~~Station, 7868~~

REPORT

Date April 20, 1937

Subject Comic Performance of an Anti-Japanese nature staged in the Wellington
Dance Hall, 287 Peking Road.

Made by D.S.I. Shih Ssu-chien Forwarded by *Thorne D.S.I.*

In accordance with the instruction of the D.C.

(Special Branch) on the attached report dated April 11, 1937
one Mr. Hsu Tsu-chuen (徐子川), manager of the Wellington
Dance Hall, 287 Peking Road, was interviewed at the Headquarters
at 3 p.m. on April 19, 1937. When warned that shows having
political background were strictly prohibited in the Settlement,
Mr. Hsu stated that the intention of his dancing hall to stage
a comic performance on the night of April 10, was to stimulate
the interest of his patrons purely from a business point of
view, and he was unaware that the show in question was of an
anti-Japanese nature. He, however, gave assurance that in future
no show of a political nature would be allowed in his dancing
hall.

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"The Wellington Dance Hall, Peking Road
"near Honan Road, has engaged two Chinese
"comedians named Tong Siao-fee (唐笑飛)
"and Woo Gee Gee (胡基基) to act and
"sing a comic song entitled "Great
"Victory at Pailingmiao. Their acts and
"performances are so amusing that patrons
"will hold their sides with laughter".

A detective attached to this section was detailed to keep observation during the performance. According to the detective's report, the performance, which commenced at about 10 p.m. April 10, 1937 and ended some 20 minutes later, depicted the victory won by the Chinese army over Japanese soldiers and bandits, adding that several thousands of Japanese soldiers were killed in less than two hours' time during the Pailingmiao engagement.

The staging of this performance was only for one night, April 10 and will not be repeated to-night, April 11, 1937.

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Better take up on Dance

Hall Manager & warn him
to show less political tendencyS.I.
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DANCE HALL ADVERTISES COMIC PERFORMANCES

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The "Wellington Dance Hall" (惠今舞場),
Peking Road, east of Honan Road, publishes the following
advertisement in to-day's issue of "Sin Wan Pao":
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comedians named Tong Siao-fee (唐笑非) and Woo Gee-gee
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